



68th ANNUAL PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE

We've been expecting you.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

10:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION BEGINS

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

COUNTY PRESIDENT'S MEETING

Recognition of Retiring Presidents

12:00 noon

OPENING LUNCH

*Welcome by Mr. Lacy Upchurch, TFBF President
Recognition of New County Farm Bureau Presidents*



"CAN THE NEXT PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS RISE ABOVE THE PARTISANSHIP?"

The Honorable Bill Brock

Former U.S. Senator from Tennessee, past chairman of the Republican National Committee, Ronald Reagan's U.S. Trade Representative and Secretary of Labor

2:00 p.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION I

"NOT YOUR FATHER'S CARBON MARKET" - SADDLEBRED, HIGHLAND, MORGAN ROOMS

Laura Sands with The Clark Group, and a member of the Agricultural Carbon Market Working Group, will explain how some say carbon markets could evolve from a marginal revenue source to one of the four largest commodities in the United States. Can farmers make that happen?

"GRAIN MARKETING AND BASIS DRIVERS" - SALON 6

Dr. Bob Young, chief economist for American Farm Bureau, will discuss the challenges and opportunities of moving grain into the market and the impact caused by widening basis.

"NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO ENHANCE TENNESSEE AGRICULTURE" - SALONS 7-10

Commissioner of Agriculture Ken Givens and James Roberts, state coordinator for Farm Business Services, will explain how ag enhancement opportunities will work even better for you.

3:00 - 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION:

"A LOOK AT THE CANDIDATES FOR U.S. SENATE"

Sen. Lamar Alexander, Republican
Democrat Nominee

Both candidates for U.S. Senate will give us an overview of the issues facing the next congress.

6:30 p.m.

RECEPTION & SOUTHERN BARBECUE – The Factory in Franklin

Introduction of Invited Guests

Ag in the Classroom Recognition

Entertainment: Aaron Wilburn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

6:45 a.m.

COUNTRY HAM BREAKFAST

Morning Reflections - Chelsea Doss, Past FFA President



"EDUCATING ABOUT AG MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER"

Betty Wolanyk

Director of Education and Research for American Farm Bureau, will speak about myths affecting agriculture today and how we can help educate the public about them.

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

BREAKOUT SESSION II

"2008 FARM BILL: A NEW CHALLENGE" - SALON 6

NRCS State Conservationist Kevin Brown and Bobby Tidwell with FSA will discuss what is new in the recently passed Farm Bill.

"FOOD, FUEL & A BUSHEL OF CORN" - SADDLEBRED, HIGHLAND, MORGAN ROOMS

Dr. Bob Young, chief economist for American Farm Bureau, will help us understand today's controversy between using corn for food or fuel.

"ANIMAL AGRICULTURE: HOW WE PROTECT AND PRESERVE IT" - SALONS 7-10

Margie Hunter, White County livestock producer; Mark Barker, Cannon County livestock producer; and Pettus Read, director of communications for Tennessee Farm Bureau, looks at how today's consumer views agriculture's treatment of animals.

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.

GENERAL SESSION:

Introduction of 2008 TFBF Resolutions Committee: Vice President Danny Rochelle

"McCAIN VS. OBAMA - A PRESIDENTIAL DISCUSSION"

Robin Smith, Chairman of Tennessee Republican Party
Gray Sasser, Chairman of Tennessee Democratic Party

12:00 p.m.

LUNCH

"ONE VOICE SPEAKS VOLUMES"

Chris Chinn

Former American Farm Bureau Young Farmer Chairman

